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SUBJECT: LACK OF INTELLIGENCE FROM VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA

1. SINCE WE NO LONGER RECEIVE CABLES FROM SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH, WE ARE HARD PUT TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENT COMMENTARY TO OUR HOST GOVERNMENT ON EVENTS DEVELOPING IN VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA. GOP HAS, OVER THE YEARS, COME TO DEPEND ON U.S. SOURCES FOR MOST OF ITS INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

2. BECAUSE CURRENT INDOCHINESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE OF CRITICAL INTEREST TO PHILIPPINES AS WELL AS OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD INSTITUTE A DAILY CABLE REPORTING AND INTERPRETING SUCH EVENTS AS COME TO ATTENTION U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. THIS CABLE CAN INDICATE WHAT ITEMS SHOULD BE TREATED AS NOFORN.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TOKYO AND PARIS ARE STILL IN CONTACT WITH THEIR EMBASSIES IN SAIGON. PERHAPS OUR POSTS IN

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THOSE TWO CITIES COULD BE DIRECTED TO VACUUM HOST SOURCES

FOR ADDITIONAL FACTS OF INTERESTS TO US.

4. I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER ANALYSTS
ATTACH SIGNIFICANCE TO THE APPARENT SUBMERSION OF THE OLD
PRG GANG OF THO, PHAT, ETC., UNDER THE MILITARY DOMINANCE
OF TRAN VAN TRA. IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO ALL OUR
FRIENDS IF THIS ACTION MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE A DIRECT
MOVE TOWARDS THE ASSERTION OF DRV CONTROLS IN THE SOUTH,
BYPASSING THE INTERMEDIATE STAGE OF AN "INDEPENDENMCW
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